Delhi and some cities in Uttar Pradesh.

State Governments have also been advised to make similar arrangements for sale of sugar at reasonable prices.

9. Restrictions have been imposed on sale of sugar by one whole-saler to another whole-saler within the same city or urban area in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Delhi.

10. State Governments have been advised to ensure that sugar factories located in their State comply with the sale and despatch provisions and ensure sale of entire quantity within the validity period.

11. All the sugar factories have been advised to enter details of sale of sugar in the name of the first buyer to avoid any paper transactions.

Completion of Aonla Fertilizer Project

1295. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IFFCO's Aonla Fertilizer Plant near Bareilly has been competed within a record time of 36 months; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Project and its implementation, as against the original estimated cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Aonla plant of IFFCO with a capacity of 7.26 lakh tonnes of urea per annum, was commissioned within the time schedule and commercial production commenced on July 10, 1988. The project has been implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 665.27 crores as against the originally approved cost estimate of Rs. 730 crores.

Contaminaion of drinking water in Keshavpuram

1296. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the contamination of drinking water due to back-flow of sewage water in Keshavpuram in West Delhi;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted to find out the cause thereof; and

(c) if so, details of steps taken by the authorities to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) On 1.7.89, sewer lines to Lawrance Road had started over flowing. On investigation and site inspection, it was seen that raw water from the bed of the Western Yamuna canal was getting entry into the sewer lines. Immediate steps were taken to get the canal water stopped from Haryana Irrigation Department and excavation work under the damaged portion was undertaken. After excavation, it was found that 36" dia. line was damaged under the bed of the Western Yamuna canal. The same was got repaired on top priority basis and the canal was reopened on the 13th July, 1989. The underground tanks supplying water in the area were got emptied, flushed and disinfected. In the meantime, water was supplied through tankers.

Buffer stock of foodgrains

1297. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the buffer stock of foodgrains as on 1st July, 1989;

(b) how this figure compares with the stocks held on 1st July in each year in 1985, 1986 and 1987;

(c) whether it is a fact that the buffer stocks as on 1st July, 1989 are substantially lower than the targets fixed by Government; and

(d) what steps are being taken to replenish the stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The total stocks (Operational and Buffer) of foodgrains (wheat, rice and coarse grains) with the public agencies in the different years was as under:—

(Quantity in Lakh tonnes)

Date	Foodgrains	Requirement of foodgrains under Buffer Stocking Policy
1.7.1985	286.69	214.00
1.7.1986	232.82	214.00
1.7.1987	232.69	214 00
1.7.1989	130.45	214 00

(c) and (d) Stocks on 1-7-89 were lower than those prescribed under the buffer stocking policy. However, there is regular replenishment of stocks through procurement operations in the country and the procuring agencies have been advised to maximise the procurement. In addition, contracts for import of 3.76 lakh tonnes of rice for supply before the end of September, 1989 have been executed. Simultaneously the available stocks are being utilized judiciously to meet the reasonable requirements of the Public Distribution System.

Increase in the quota of essential commodities to Maharashtra during the festival season

1298. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have sent proposal to increase the quota of rice, wheat and edible oils to that State during the festival season; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra has requested for additional allocation of 30,000 MTs of wheat and rice each for festival season. No additional allocation has, however, so far been made.

No specific request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra regarding increase in the quota of imported edilbe oils during the festival season.

Sharing of loss by Government in purchase of Onion in Maharashtra

1299. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have agreed to share the loss incurred in Onion purchasing in Maharashtra this year by Government of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what is the total loss share of Government of India and whether this share has been released to Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE